

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004. Claim 2 has been canceled. Thus, claims 1, 3-21, 23-62 and 64-68 are now pending.

Claim 51 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to correct an informality.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 18-58 and 62-68. Applicant also notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 60 and 61 contain allowable subject matter. In this regard, allowable claim 2 has been added to claim 1, and allowable claims 5, 6, 10, 12 and 61 have been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claims 1, 3-21, 23-58, and 61-68 are now in condition for allowance given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 59 is the only claim remaining rejected.

Claim 59 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Tran in view of Williams. This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 59 requires "a second step for forming a pattern of said space keeping members, which have electrical insulation and keep a space between said substrates, so as to surround said conductive connecting members in a lattice form on the other substrate." Thus, *claim 59 calls for the same subject matter as allowable claim 2*. As previously recognized by the Examiner in the reasons for allowance, "the space keeping members of Williams are not in lattice form surrounding the conductive contact members." [see

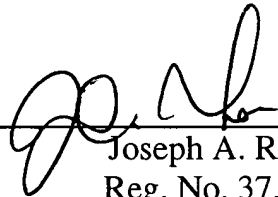
Office Action dated April 7, 2004, page 6, lines 17-20]. Thus, even the alleged combination of Tran and Williams (which applicant believes would be incorrect in any event) fails to meet the invention of claim 59 as previously admitted by the Examiner. Thus, claim 59 is in condition for allowance, and all rejections thereof should be withdrawn. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection should be withdrawn for similar reasons, and thus no terminal disclaimer is needed.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be withdrawn, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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